

Specialist domestic and sexual abuse provision in Leicester from April 2022



Leicester City Council funds a range of specialist support services for those affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. These services are expanding in April 2022. The new range of support provision is intended to make the most of local funding. The provision was shaped by engagement sessions with those who had used the existing services, public consultation, and data from the past five years.

The main aim is to improve access and outcomes.

Further services will be funded around the provision of safe accommodation, and these will develop in line with local need.

What stays the same

The local helpline number, **0808 80 200 28**, freephone and hidden from bills, will remain.

The existing providers, with decades of experience of delivering specialist domestic and sexual violence services, remain.

What changes








The consortium 'UAVA'; United Against Violence and Abuse, will end, but partnership work continues and will be supported through the new Leicester Domestic Abuse Locality Partnership Board established as part of the new statutory duties introduced in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

The scrutiny and reference group, made up of people who have accessed specialist services, contributes to improving local responses to domestic abuse and sexual violence, and will be a key part of the Locality Partnership Board.

Further information on local services is available on leicester.gov.uk/domesticabuse

A summary of the new provision is included below, with further details on following pages.

Any questions, please contact DSVTeam@leicester.gov.uk

Service	Provider	Commissioner
Leicester Children, Young People and Families Domestic Abuse Service 	Living Without Abuse lwa.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Domestic Abuse Locality Service (Adults) 	Living Without Abuse lwa.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Service 	Freeva freeva.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Women's Refuge 	Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd wa-leicester.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Black and Minority/Minoritised Ethnic Women's Refuge 	Panahghar Safehouse Ltd safehouse.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Domestic Abuse Dispersed Safe Accommodation	TBC	Leicester City Council
Leicester Trauma Informed Safe Accommodation Support 	New Dawn New Day ndnd.org.uk	Leicester City Council
Leicester Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse Service 	Turning Point turning-point.co.uk	Leicester City Council
Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline and Engagement Service	Freeva freeva.org.uk	Police & Crime Commissioner
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Sexual Violence Service	Freeva freeva.org.uk	Police & Crime Commissioner

Details of services available from 1 April 2022, funded by Leicester City Council

Leicester Children, Young People and Families Domestic Abuse Service

Interventions

Individual and group support for children, young people, and parents

Specialist workers for young people

Practical and emotional support

Training

Aims

Early intervention

Improving relationships

Improving safety, health and wellbeing of children and young people subjected to domestic abuse

Improving knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and community members to respond to domestic abuse

Eligibility

Resident temporarily or permanently in Leicester and with children under 18 in the household

and

have experienced domestic abuse which is having a current detrimental impact on the children and young people in those families

Access

Online and in person

Community hubs and other options

Balance of daytime, evening, and weekend activity

Access via the helpline 0808 80 200 28, council services supporting you already, or via lwa.org.uk

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Leicester Domestic Abuse Locality Service (Adults)

Interventions

Individual and single sex group support

Advice clinics

Support at court

Training

Aims

Early intervention

Timely delivery of support

Co-ordination, information, advocacy, and support

Improving safety, health and well-being after domestic abuse

Improving knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and community members to respond to domestic abuse

Eligibility

Age 16 or over

and

resident temporarily or permanently in Leicester

and

have experienced domestic abuse which is having a current detrimental impact on them

For men and women

Access

Online and in person

Community hubs and other options

Balance of daytime, evening, and weekend activity

Access via the helpline 0808 80 200 28, council services supporting you already, or via lwa.org.uk

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Leicester Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Service

Interventions

The Jenkins Centre 'Respect' accredited programme

'Foundations' programme

Dads' programme

Partner and ex-partner support worker

Training

Aims

Identifying, engaging and motivating those using abusive behaviour to change

Improving safety, health and well-being of victims

Reducing abusive behaviour

Improving knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and community members to respond to domestic abuse

Eligibility

Aged 18 years and over
and

Resident temporarily or permanently in Leicester
and

No ongoing court proceedings connected to domestic abuse

Access

Online and in person

Balance of daytime, evening, and weekend activity

Access via the helpline 0808 80 200 28, council services supporting you already, or via jenkinscentre.org



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Leicester Women's Refuge

Interventions

19 units of refuge accommodation in Leicester over two sites, staff on site

Regular individual support and advocacy

Emotional and practical support, including with move-on into independent housing

Access 24 hours a day

Free accessible WiFi

Training

Aims

Providing safe, single sex, emergency access specialist domestic abuse accommodation

Providing a trauma informed positive physical and emotional environment

Responding flexibly and promptly to referrals

Assisting parents to meet needs of their children

Improving knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and community members

Eligibility

Women aged 16 or over with or without children

Resident or fleeing to Leicester

At current risk of domestic abuse

Access

Via the helpline 0808 80 200 28, or via council housing services supporting you already

See wa-leicester.org.uk



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Leicester Black and Minority/Minoritised Ethnic Women's Refuge

Interventions

15 units of refuge accommodation in Leicester over three sites, staff on site, some suitable for larger families

Regular individual support and advocacy

Emotional and practical support, including with move-on into independent housing

Access 24 hours a day

Free accessible WiFi

Training

Aims

Provision of safe, single sex, emergency access specialist domestic abuse accommodation

Providing a trauma informed positive physical and emotional environment

Responding flexibly and promptly to referrals

Assisting parents to meet needs of their children

Improving knowledge, skills and confidence of local practitioners and community members

Eligibility

Women from a BME community aged 16 or over with or without children

Resident or fleeing to Leicester

At current risk of domestic abuse

Access

Via the helpline 0808 80 200 28, or via council housing services supporting you already

See [safehouse.org.uk](https://www.safehouse.org.uk)

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Leicester Trauma Informed Safe Accommodation Support

Interventions

Emotional management group and individual support work for women

Development of a trauma informed practice framework for safe accommodation

Training and reflective practice for safe accommodation staff

Aims

Improving service responses to victims of domestic abuse

Reducing the number of those who cannot secure or sustain safe accommodation due to their trauma response

Supporting sustainable trauma informed practice within safe accommodation

Eligibility

Women in Leicester in safe (relevant) accommodation

Access

Via the helpline 0808 80 200 28 or via your safe accommodation provider

Leicester Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse Service

Interventions

Single sex individual and group support around substance use and domestic abuse

Assessment and risk management plan support for safe accommodation providers

Aims

Helping local safe accommodation services to support victims with substance use needs

Reducing the number of those who cannot secure or sustain safe accommodation due to their substance use needs

Improving outcomes for those with substance use and domestic abuse needs

Eligibility

Men and women who have been victim of domestic abuse in Leicester and who have substance use needs

Access

Via the helpline 0808 80 200 28 or via your safe accommodation provider



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